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SUBJ: HUGHES AIRCRAFT PLANS FOR PROMOTING SALES OF TOW

MISSILES IN LATIN AMERICA

REF: STATE 224526

1. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY GOV INTEREST IN PURCHASING TOW MISSILE SYSTEM. GIVEN PRESENT RESTRICTIONS ON VENEZUELAN DEFENSE BUDGET, IT IS DOUBTFUL MOD WILL BE IN A POSITION TO PURCHASE SUCH A SYSTEM IN NEAR FUTURE, PARTICULARLY WITHOUT FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO AN UNCLASSIFIED PROMOTIONAL BRIEFING BY HUGHES OF APPROPRIATE GOV OFFICIALS. UNDER EVENHANDEDNESS POLICY, SUCH A BRIEFING WOULD, IN FACT, BE DESIRABLE, IF IT IS TO BE GIVEN TO COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES. MOREOVER, AN EARLY BRIEFING BY HUGHES COULD GIVE THIS US FIRM AN INSIDE TRACK OVER EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS (PARA 6-H, REFTEL).

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS STRONGLY, HOWEVER, THAT HUGHES NOT RPT NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO GIVE THIS BRIEFING, UNLESS THE DEPT IS CERTAIN THAT SALE OF THE TOW TO VENEZUELA WILL BE AUTHORIZED. OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GOV COULD BE ADVERSELY EFFECTED IF THE
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VENEZUELAN ARMED FORCES EVENTUALLY EXPRESS INTEREST IN PURCHASING

THE TOW SYSTEM, ONLY TO BE TOLD THAT THE US HAS DENIED HUGHES
AN EXPORT LICENSE.
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